

REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



To: Mayor and City Council

Agenda Item #: IV.I.

From: Ann Kattreh
Parks and Recreation Director

Action ☒

Discussion ☐

Date: May 7, 2013

Information ☐

Subject: Authorize Bid for Garden Park Baseball Field Renovation

Action Requested:

Authorize bids for the renovation of the Garden Park baseball field.

Information / Background:

On October 9, 2012 the Park Board held a hearing regarding the renovation of the Garden Park baseball field. The Park Board supported the plan as proposed, with the exception of the elimination of the flag pole and light, due to the concern of the light pollution caused by the flag pole light.

The Garden Park baseball field currently has very poor drainage which results in standing water and wet field conditions long after each rainfall. The following is a list of improvements proposed by the Edina Baseball Association and staff.

- Excavate and renovate the infield and outfield areas, plant new grass seed and install drainage and a new irrigation system
- Construct two new chain link batting cages (15' X 75' and 12' in height)
- Construct new bull pens
- Construct new roofed, fenced dug outs
- Provide a 5-row portable bleacher to accommodate 90 spectators

Anderson/Johnson Associates has provided a benchmark estimate of total construction costs at \$221,000. A copy of AJA's estimates and site plan are attached. The Edina Baseball Association is donating \$100,000 towards this project and \$100,000 is allocated in the 2013 CIP. The City received a Twins Hennepin County Youth Baseball and Softball Grant for \$25,000 to be used for batting cages on this project. If AJA's benchmark construction estimates are found to be slightly low, the project could be value engineered and reduced in scope with deduct alternates that would delay construction of certain additional amenities that could be easily added in the future (dugouts).

Staff made a grant request for a \$282,660.00 from the Hennepin Youth Sports Program to fund the proposed Garden Park baseball field renovation and improvement project, but was unsuccessful in this attempt.

A letter and site plan was mailed to all property owners within 1,000 feet of Garden Park informing them of this proposal and the process. A copy of that letter is attached. Some questions were raised by the

neighbors, but no resistance or negative comments were received. In fact, several residents supported the project, both in writing and in phone calls.

If approved, we would solicit bids in May and begin construction at the end of July. If all goes well with construction and grass growth, the field will be available for play by June of 2014.

ATTACHMENTS:

October 9, 2012 Park Board Minutes
Letter to Garden Park Neighborhood
Renovation Plans
Engineer's Estimate

**MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
PARK BOARD
HELD AT CITY HALL
October 9, 2012
7:00 PM**

III. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

VIII.A. Garden Park Public Hearing Regarding Baseball Field Renovations

John Wright indicated he is not a member of the Edina Baseball Association (EBA) but does have a son who is now 16 and has played baseball. Mr. Wright gave a power point presentation. He informed the Park Board that Garden Park is built on road construction landfill and when there is a moderate rainfall the fields are not good and they would love to renovate the playing surface and solve the drainage and playability issues that are currently there. In addition, they would like to improve the aesthetics of the field as well as have some player improvements. He noted the fields for the younger kids are more than adequate but as they get older it's important for them to have several fields that they can play on that meet the size standard and the amenities standard. He added they have had trouble with the school fields as far as keeping them mowed during the summer and on more than one occasion he has taken his own Toro and mowed the fields but try to do their best with the school fields they are able to use.

Mr. Wright informed the Park Board of a few proposed improvements: dugouts, batting cages and modifications to the fencing. He then went over a quick summary of what has been proposed and put into the grant as part of the Hennepin County Youth Sports Program which includes taking out the infield and replacing it with sand peat material so the infield can drain. Also, put drain tile in the outfield, re-grade and plant new grass with an irrigation system (the current one has not worked for several years). In addition, the backstop would be heightened and the chain link fence would be raised; he commented that Mr. Keprios suggested black vinyl fencing because it is more aesthetically appealing to the neighborhood. Also a place for pitchers to warm up inside the fence along with dugouts and a shed on one side and possibly a very small concession stand. In addition, put in batting cages, an electronic scoreboard and some bleachers behind the fence. Mr. Wright indicated there is a lot going on at Garden Park every night during the summer and they did stress in the grant what Garden Park is used for and that is for a certain age group for baseball as well as all families that use Garden Park for other sports and in general.

Ms. Kattreh informed the Park Board that the total estimated cost of construction is \$382,660 and with a \$100,000 from the EBA that leaves them with a total cost of \$282,660 which they submitted the grant for last week. She explained that staff did make a \$100,000 CIP request for this just in case they receive partial grant funding and not the whole \$282,660.

Member Gieseke asked how it can cost \$5,000 for a flagpole to which Ms. Kattreh replied that question did come up amongst their group and is not quite sure other than it is a construction estimate but assumes it must include footings, possible lighting and up to three flagpoles which can cost up to \$1,500 each.

Member Segreto asked how many of their baseball fields have electronic scoreboards, what is the useful life and what maintenance is involved. Ms. Kattreh replied she would need to refer to park maintenance staff for those answers but would expect it to last between 10 and 15 years and added that the four fields at the Courtney ball fields each has an electronic scoreboard. Brad Burley, EBA Board Member, indicated they are pushing 15 to 20 years with the scoreboard on Courtney Field #4.

Member Kathryn Peterson indicated she knows there was a lot of damage done by vehicles this past spring and asked if fences will be constructed in such a way so vehicles cannot get through. Ms. Kattreh replied they are planning to put up a fence that would open up to allow vehicles to have access; however, when the fence is closed neighbors would still have access to the field when it's not being used in a scheduled manner.

Member Jones asked how many games are being played on that field to which Mr. Wright replied approximately 90 to 100 games from May through the end of July and that does not include practices. Member Kathryn Peterson added that the high school starts using it in April for their sophomore and JV games.

Member Jones asked what happens if they don't get the grant money to which Ms. Kattreh responded the first thing they need to determine is if they receive funding through the CIP. If grant funding is not received, we will sit down with the EBA and decide if they still want to make the \$100,000 contribution and then determine how they could prioritize and phase in the improvements.

Member Jones asked if there would be adequate parking to which Ms. Kattreh replied yes, there is plenty of parking for what they have available as far as field space.

Casey Hankinson, 6615 Parkwood Lane, indicated he has played many years of baseball and thinks Garden Park is severely underutilized from a playability standpoint and certainly could use an upgrade. He drives by Garden Park many times and does see water on the fields to the point where other fields become impacted and thinks whatever improvements made to Garden Park are to be applauded. He congratulated EBA on donating \$100,000 towards the project and as a resident he would be thrilled and thinks it would be a real perk to have another fine, outstanding facility in Garden Park.

Brad Burley, 4510 Arden, informed the committee he has been involved in baseball in the community for a very long time and as sports have grown in the community with lacrosse, soccer, softball, etc., the erosion of the baseball fields in the community has impacted their ability to practice. Therefore, when Garden Park is shut down for a period of time there really is nowhere else to go because the fields at Courtney are for games only and there are not a lot of 90' baseball fields to practice on or reschedule games and it's really putting a crunch into the organization.

Jeff May, 5724 Dale Avenue, President of the EBA, thanked Ms. Kattreh and staff for all of the hard work they put into the grant application. He noted that in a number of aspects he thinks it reflects how good of a project it is for the community. It first reflects the cooperation between the EBA and the City coming together with EBA's contribution and the City's help with the grant and in putting together a terrific plan that will really serve the community. He indicated they've had a lot of discussions about field capacity and the growth of athletics in the community and the need to add field capacity in which this a project that will dramatically improve the usability and capacity of Garden Park and hopes the Park Board will support this project.

Keelin Kane, 5533 Warden Avenue., informed the Park Board that she and many other neighbors use the park for things other than sports, they like to walk and enjoy the ambiance of having a park in their neighborhood. She indicated she is all for sports and thinks it's delightful to hear jolly sport behavior and laughing during the summer; however, one concern she has is traffic although it doesn't sound like there will be an increase in traffic. She commented she would like to hear a little more about the terms of a better facility because it may eventually cause people to want more use of the field and night games and she is concerned about the night sky and the lights that may be put up and so forth.

Member Hulbert asked if it is necessary to illuminate the flags if that is what part of the plan is to which Ms. Kattreh replied yes. Member Dan Peterson commented that he thinks the other option is to spend \$150 on a good flag pole that is in a stand and take it out of the storage area for the games and put it back into storage when the game is over.

Member Segreto made a motion, seconded by Member Dan Peterson, that they approve this with the elimination of the flagpole in the project.

Ayes: Dan Peterson, Deeds, Jones, Gieseke, Steel, Kathryn Peterson, Jacobson, Hulbert, Segreto
Motion Carried.

September 12, 2012

Dear Resident Neighbor of Garden Park:

This letter is to inform you of a proposal from the Edina Baseball Association to upgrade the baseball field at Garden Park. Their proposal will be discussed at the upcoming October 9, 2012 Edina Park Board meeting.

The Edina Baseball Association (EBA) is proposing to donate funds and partner with the City of Edina to make the following renovations and new improvements to the baseball field at Garden Park:

- Excavate and renovate the infield and outfield areas, plant new grass seed and install a new irrigation system.
- Construct two new chain link batting cages (15' X 75' and 12' in height).
- Reconstruct and heighten backstop to 20' in height (to keep foul balls from going to railroad tracks) in black vinyl chain link fence.
- Remove and replace sideline and outfield fencing with black vinyl fence.
- Construct dugouts (two – 10' X 40') and include a 12' X 10' storage room at the end of the 3rd base dugout and include a 10' X 12' concessions/storage room at the end of the 1st base dugout.
- Install a new wireless electronic scoreboard and new flag pole.
- Provide a 5-row portable bleacher to accommodate 90 spectators.
- The general location of these amenities is shown on the enclosed map.

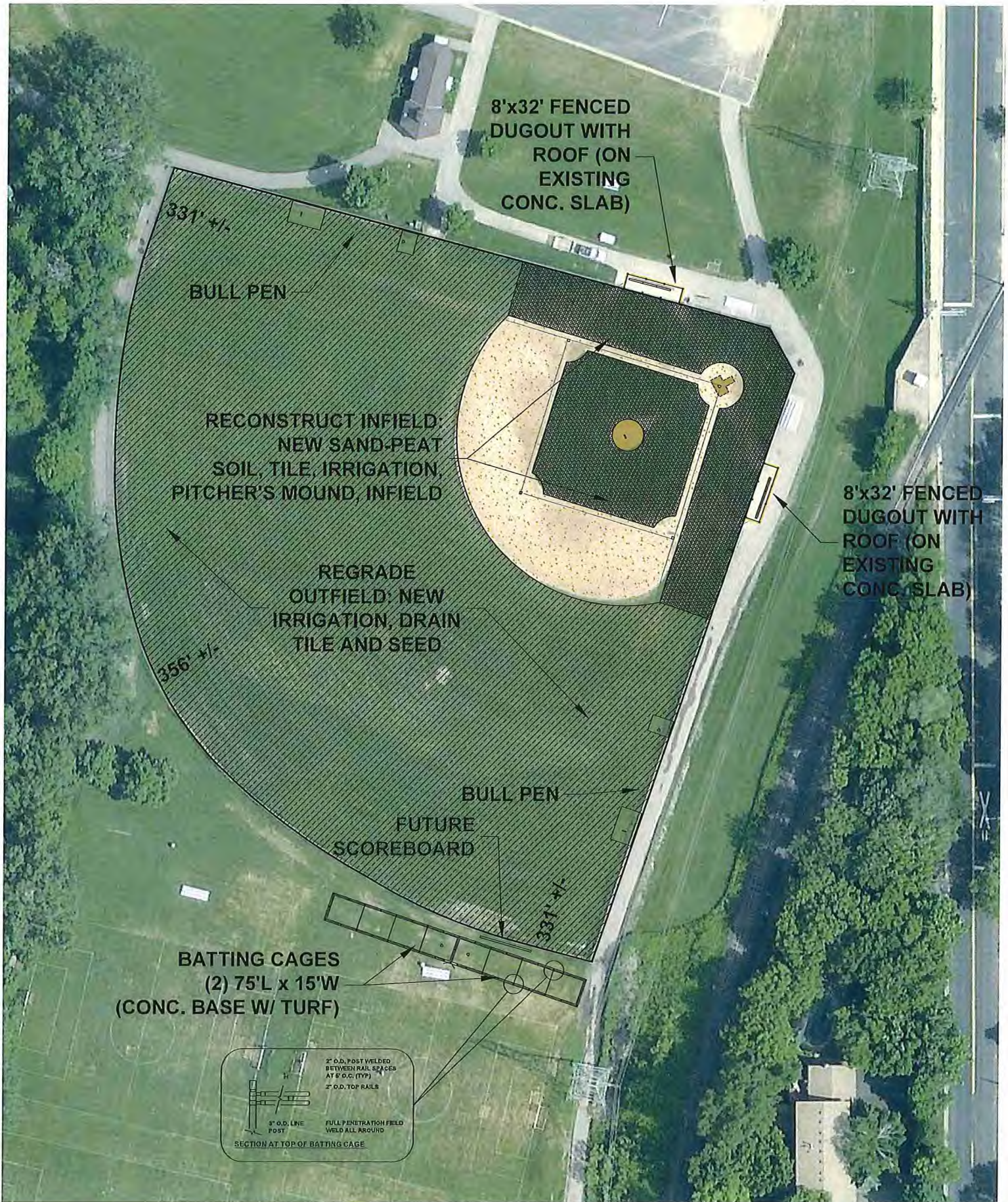
Total project construction costs are estimated to be approximately \$361,000. The EBA is proposing to donate \$100,000 and the City of Edina is also applying for a grant from the Hennepin Youth Sports Program of Hennepin County to help fund the remainder of the project.

The Edina Park Board will meet in the Council Chambers in City Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 to consider the Edina Baseball Association's proposal. As always, the public is welcome to attend the meeting.

It is the sincere desire of the Edina Baseball Association and the City of Edina to make these needed improvements as aesthetically pleasing as possible to the neighbors and residents who use Garden Park. If you have any questions about the proposed amenities or process, feel free to contact me directly. To share your comments with the Park Board about the proposed project, please send them to me in writing either by postal mail or email. Many thanks.

Respectfully,

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8'x32' FENCED
DUGOUT WITH
ROOF (ON
EXISTING
CONC. SLAB)

BULL PEN

RECONSTRUCT INFIELD:
NEW SAND-PEAT
SOIL, TILE, IRRIGATION,
PITCHER'S MOUND, INFIELD

REGRADE
OUTFIELD: NEW
IRRIGATION, DRAIN
TILE AND SEED

8'x32' FENCED
DUGOUT WITH
ROOF (ON
EXISTING
CONC. SLAB)

BULL PEN

FUTURE
SCOREBOARD

BATTING CAGES
(2) 75'L x 15'W
(CONC. BASE W/ TURF)



GARDEN PARK

Vernon Avenue S & Hansen Road
Edina, Minnesota

CITY OF EDINA - PARK & RECREATION DEPT.
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Edina, MN 55424

VICINITY MAP



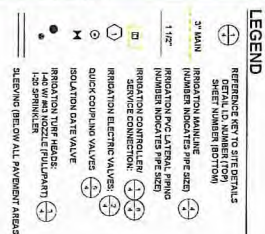
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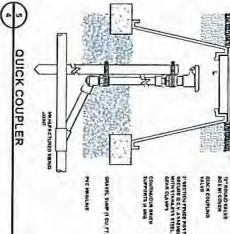
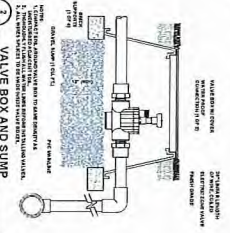
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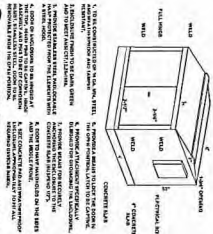
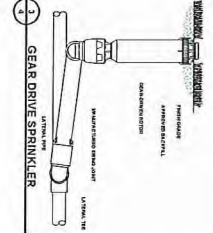
IRRIGATION AND SEEDING NOTES

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WEATHER PROOF ENCLOSURE



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April 23, 2013

Ann Kattreh, Parks & Recreation Director
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RE: Renovation of Existing Baseball Field - Garden Park

Dear Ann:

As requested, we are pleased to provide this updated Opinion of Probable Construction Cost for the proposed improvements of the baseball field at the Garden Park. Also attached is the Schematic Plan which generally illustrates the proposed improvements which serves as the basis for the Bid Documents which will be issued in the coming days.

OPINION OF PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION COST

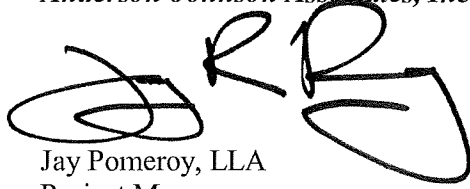
1. Renovation of Existing Baseball Field

- a. Excavate and remove infield area and replace topsoil with sand-peat prescribed topsoil. Install new drain tile, 5" depth aglime infield, clay pitcher's mound and batter's area, new irrigation system and seed. \$ 71,000.
- b. Regrade outfield area including harvesting/ stripping of existing grass, installation of drain tile, new irrigation system and seed.. . . . \$ 58,000.
- c. Construct new bull pens along each sideline of the field.. . . . \$ 4,000.
- d. Construct new roofed, fenced dugouts (two- 8'x32') including mounting to existing on-grade concrete slab, metal roof and protective fencing. The players benches which currently exist will be protected and left in-place.. . . . \$45,000.
- e. Construct batting cages (two- 15'X75') including chain link fence perimeter (12' height), electrical conduit for future electrical wiring, synthetic turf base, and netting tunnels... . . \$ 35,000.
- j. Provide 5-row portable bleachers (~90 seats). \$ 8,000.

Estimated Construction Cost (all items): \$221,000.

We trust the above information is clear and understandable. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anderson-Johnson Associates, Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JP', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the right side.

Jay Pomeroy, LLA
Project Manager

Attachment